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Director Paul E. Stacey  
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse  
Planning and Standards Division  
Department of Environmental Protection  
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Dear Director Stacey:

I would like to express my thanks to the DEP for their careful research regarding stream flow in Connecticut's rivers and brooks. While I support the proposed regulations, I wish they could be strengthened to include the state's Class 4 rivers as well.

The river that I am particularly concerned about is the Nonnewaug. Its headwaters and upper reaches are located in Watertown where the Watertown Land Trust owns property which includes ½ mile of river frontage. Brook trout and black-nosed dace thrive in these waters. This beautiful stream flows down to recharge the Hart well fields in Woodbury, the source of drinking water for 2,200 families in Watertown's Fire District. I think the proposed regulations would help to balance the water needs of the Fire District's consumers while preserving habitat to support those fish and amphibians who live in the river.

Very truly yours,

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